

CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION (SCC)
MILPITAS CITY HALL 4th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2014

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Commissioners present: Arbaugh, Arefi, Chen, Grilli, Hardin, Mateo, Serpa. Alternate Commissioners present: Chang, P. and Chang, T.
- Council Liaison Carmen Montano: Present
MHS Student Liaison: Vacant
MUSD Liaison Gunawan Alisantosa: Absent
Staff Liaison Leslie Stobbe: Present
- II. Alternates Seating of** No Alternate Commissioners were seated.
- III. Allegiance Pledge of** Not conducted; no flag in room.
- IV. Minutes Approval of** MOTION to approve the minutes of May 22, 2014.
M / S: Arbaugh / Serpa Ayes: All
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of June 26, 2014.
M / S: Serpa / Mateo Ayes: All
- VI. Announcements:** Commissioner Arbaugh noted that Mikayla Horyza's application for Student Liaison is submitted and under review. He introduced Mikayla and Peggy Horyza in the audience.
- VII. Public Forum:** None.
- VIII. New Business:** None
- IX. Old Business**
- 1. Focus Areas & Relationship Criteria**
The SCC reviewed this document for updates. There was consensus to add statements about use of social media and the Electronic Pen Pal (E-pal) project.
 - 2. Cancellation of July 24 Meeting**
Pending no immediate business, the SCC canceled the July 24 meeting.

MOTION: To cancel the July 24, 2014 meeting.

M / S: Serpa / Arbaugh

Ayes: All

3. Sister City Commission Promotional Expenses

Staff presented the expense listing noting that the SCC is over its spending limit by \$919.25 for FY 13-14.

4. SCI International Conference 2014, July 31 – August 2

The SCC reviewed a request to contribute \$500 to support the Host Organizing Committee for the conference. By consensus, the SCC decided not to fund this request.

5. E-Pal Project with Sister Cities

Staff noted that she will contact Dagupan and Huizhou to establish their interest in participating in this project. She will contact the teacher in late August.

6. Home Stays for Dagupan and Huizhou Students, October 2014

The SCC reviewed the outreach conducted since November of 2013 and discussed the lack of response from Milpitas High School students and parents. A June 20 deadline was set to receive responses for the home stays. Concern was expressed about inviting 20 students with only three families volunteered as home stays. Susan Galvan, representing the Dagupan Association of Northern California, stated that she gratefully acknowledges the commission's work to obtain home stays. Based on this outreach and the limited response, she understood the SCC's concerns.

MOTION: To cancel home-stay visits this year and start discussions in September to re-examine hosting sister city students.

M / S: Serpa / Arbaugh

Ayes: All

7. Tsukuba City, Japan

Staff sent an email inquiry to Tsukuba staff regarding Milpitas' desire to extend the MOU which expires September 1, 2014. The response is that MOU went to the Mayor's office for review and has not yet been released.

8. Dagupan City, Philippines

Staff noted that Dagupan is in the process of presenting the revised MOU to its city council. A date when the MOU would be approved in Dagupan is not yet known.

9. Huizhou Municipality, China

Chair Grilli and staff noted there is no new information.

- X. **City Council Liaison Report:** Council member Montano reported that the City has settled its litigation with the County regarding Redevelopment Agency funds.

XI. School District Liaison Report – None

XII. Future Agenda Items – Reviewed with these changes:

1. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
2. Figline-Incisa, Italy
3. Seongnam City Review, if requested
4. Fundraising Workshop
5. Review of Future Student Visits

XIII. Adjournment

No further business was discussed. Chair Grilli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of August 28, 2014.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting of June 26, 2014 to the next regularly scheduled meeting of August 28, 2014.

M / S: Serpa / Arbaugh

Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Stobbe
Staff Liaison